

Creel Survey

February 10, 2014

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 9 bank anglers kept 1 hatchery steelhead. 4 boat anglers kept 1 hatchery steelhead. Catch was sampled at the trout hatchery.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 101 coho salmon, two coho jacks and 19 winter-run steelhead during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 50 coho adults and three winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and 47 coho adults, two jacks, and two winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 9,600 cubic feet per second on Monday, February 10. Water visibility is eleven feet.

Kalama River from mouth to upstream to the upper hatchery (Kalama Falls Hatchery) – Effective February 17 until further notice, all Chinook must be released.

Mainstem Lewis River from mouth to forks and North Fork Lewis River from mouth of forks upstream to Merwin Dam – Effective February 17 until further notice, all Chinook must be released.

North Fork Lewis River from Johnson Creek to Merwin Dam – Effective February 17 through May 31, closed to all fishing.

Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools – No effort was found in any of the three pools.

Sturgeon

Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools – No legals were sampled in any of the three pools.

Bonneville Pool remains open for retention through Feb. 17.

Through January, an estimated 12 (4%) and 10 (2%) of the 300 and 500 fish guidelines for the The Dalles and John Day pools were taken, respectively.

Walleye and Bass

Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools – No effort was found in any of the three pools.

Trout

Klineline Pond – Planted with 2,355 catchable size rainbows Feb. 5. No report on angling success.

Smelt

Cowlitz River – Open Saturdays only 6 AM to noon through March 1. Dip nets used from the bank only. Daily limit 10 pounds per person (about ¼ of a five-gallon bucket). Possession limit is equal to one daily limit.

Only a half dozen fishers and no catch was observed on Feb. 8, the first Saturday opener.

The mainstem Columbia and all other Washington Columbia River tributaries remain closed.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:														
	Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines: ¹	
Bonneville ^{2,3}	163	9								172	15.6%	Feb. 2	1,100	
The Dalles	12									12	4.0%	31-Jan	300	
John Day	10									10	2.0%	31-Jan	500	
¹ Guidelines for 2014 have not been finalized yet.														
² Due to the short season in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis.														
³ The January harvest estimate for Bonneville Pool has been corrected.														
Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.														
Current month sampled sturgeon kept:														
	Jan	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun					
Bonneville	58	4								62		Feb. 9		
The Dalles	4									4		Feb. 9		
John Day	3	1								4		Feb. 9		
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.														

WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary ¹

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The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	12					7	2	5	19				55	62
The Dalles Pool							2	5	5				4	4
John Day Pool	3					1	2	4					3	4
Total	15					8	6	14	24				62	70
Salmonids	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool														
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead														
The Dalles Pool													5	5
Chinook														
Coho													5	5
Steelhead														
John Day Pool													4	4
Chinook														
Coho														
Steelhead													4	4
Walleye	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool														
The Dalles Pool						3								3
John Day Pool							2	3	1	1			34	34
Bass	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool														
The Dalles Pool														
John Day Pool														

¹ Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	11%	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.12	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	17%	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	1.00	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	16%	none	82%	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.67	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	0.33	none